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(Case No. 10306US12)

In Application of:

STEVEN E. KOENCK

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For: BATTERY PACK HAVING  
MEMORY

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**AMENDMENT**

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Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**In the claims:**

Please amend the claims as follows:

- 1/2) A method of providing operational power to a battery powered utilization device, said method comprising:
- a) monitoring operational battery pack characteristics;
  - b) storing said characteristics in an electronic memory device contained within said battery pack as battery pack data;
  - c) monitoring present battery pack conditions;
  - d) retrieving said battery pack data;
  - e) communicating said present battery pack conditions and said battery pack data to said battery powered utilization device; and
  - f) controlling by said portable utilization device, operational discharge of the battery pack, said controlling procedure comprising powering down circuitry when it is not needed.

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